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Portfolio Committee No 5 – Justice and Communities  
Inquiry into the Jury Amendment Bill 2023

Committee hearing on Wednesday 31 January 2024

**QON 1 (page 42 of draft transcript)**

**The Hon. Wes Fang:** I draw your attention to the statutory review that was released in May. Mr Follett, would you be aware of the submissions that were taken in relation to the changes? Can you talk me through the number of submissions that you understand were given?

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**Answer**

The question was addressed in the ensuing discussion (page 42 of transcript).

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**QON 2 (pages 52 and 53 of draft transcript)**

**The Hon. Susan Carter:** No. There is an eight-hour rule in New South Wales and a six-hour rule in South Australia. Has anybody said, “Do the same problems that we are experiencing in New South Wales, which act as a driver for change, occur at the same frequency in South Australia?” Do they occur at the same frequency in Queensland? Can we learn from experience or do we have to make mistakes that we fix up later ourselves?

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**Answer**

There are significant limitations in the available data regarding jury processes in all jurisdictions which limited how much could be learned from the experience of other jurisdictions.